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Dear Bill, Read and appreciate time you took for the undated letter awaiting me when I got back from ~~hosp~~ hospital. I reply when I cant do what I must (most time in bed & can move little) out of respect for your sincerity. I used good 2 slides in 1966 and 8mm version then, both also backward, saw some of what you refer & was pretty sure about large piece. However and I've no time for details, some of what you are positive of is impossible, some close to it, some at best questionable. As long as you say nothing no harm will be done, you wont hurt your reputation and you will have time for further consideration. I urge you to make a sincere effort to demolish your own case. Consider all the arguments you can muster against it. Begin with whether that picture really shows a 45 slug & if it would have just popped out so close & in such good condition... Post Mortem has been printed & is on its way here. This means an enormous new burden, esp. on my wife. Those who include a label I can lick while lying down will probably get faster service. So much insd. trouble with WW IV this time we specify insurance, which makes the mail price $10.75. While this is not high by todays standards, esp. not for so large a book and is a price that does not permit recovery of all actual costs, I fear it may discourage some sales.... Your certainty is a typical symptom of a bug from which we are none immune. Time, dispassionate thought & learning more about what is directly relevant & can limit are helpful. Personally, I'd rather have you thinking, looking & learning along the 223 lines. Thanks & best,

Harold